RIGHT HAND RIFFS
PICK UP's, SLIDE's & TREMELO's

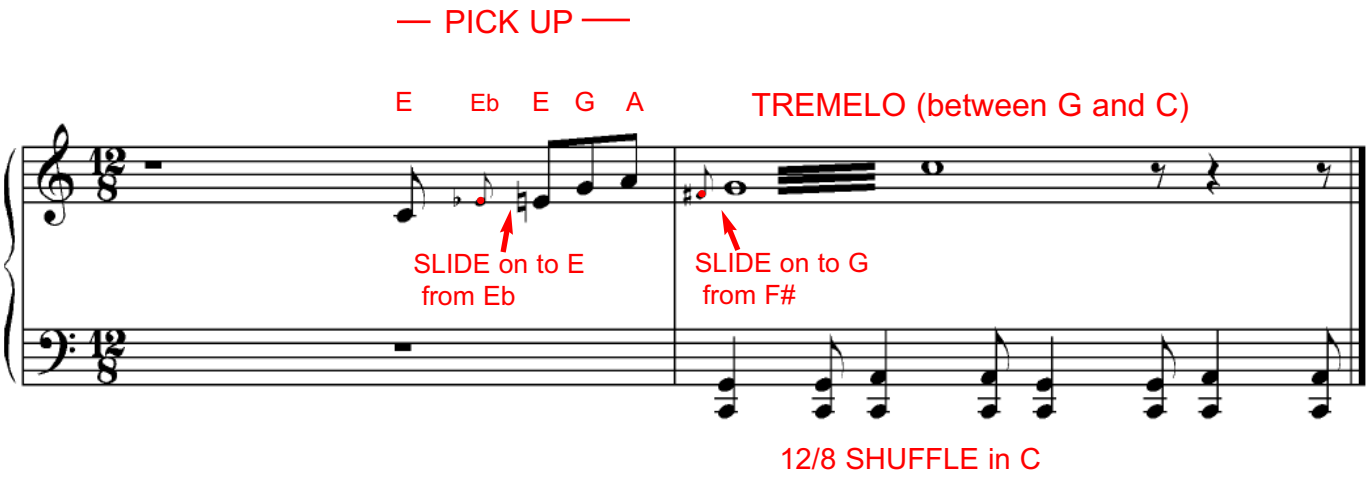
Pick Up's, Hammer On's and Tremelo's are devices that are often used in Blues.

A PICK UP is a short riff that leads into a chord or pattern.

A SLIDE is when you very quickly slide off one note onto another note.
(almost as if you've hit the first note by accident)
This is a typical BLUES device which is trying to copy the sound of a string being 'bent' on a Guitar - as often happens in the Blues

A TREMELO is when two notes are alternated many times at high speed giving a vibrating sound. Listen to the sound clip.

Try the following two bars that use all three devices.



In the following practice pieces I haven't put in any TREMELO's but you can try them yourself if you want to. For example in bars two, four, six etc you can either hold the G and C note for four beats or play them as a TREMELO. Experiment!

I also haven't written in all the notes for the HAMMER ON because there wasn't much room - I have written 'hammer on from Eb' underneath instead.